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Application No.: 10/810,550)
: Filed: March 29, 2004)
: For: INFECTIOUS ETIOLOGIC)
: AGENT DETECTION PROBE)
: AND PROBE SET, CARRIER,)
: AND GENETIC SCREENING)
: METHOD) May 16, 2008

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than the U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

Yang, Journal of Clinical Microbiology, vol. 40, No. 9, 2002 and GenBank, Accession No. AR206315 were cited in an Official Action in a corresponding Korean application. A copy of the Korean Official Action, which is dated April 22, 2008, is enclosed.

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The remaining documents were cited in a Search Report which issued in a corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated November 4, 2004, is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 7,169,555 is believed to be in the same patent family as WO 01/48237, U.S. Patent No. 6,551,776 is believed to be in the same patent family as WO 99/07722, and U.S. Patent No. 7,291,724 is believed to be in the same patent family as WO 01/48237.

We also enclose a check for \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2). Any overpayment should be credited and any deficiency should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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